

# THE GLEICHEN CALL

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## Open New School Thurs., Jan. 29

The official opening of the new Gleichen school will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, January 29th. There will be a short program. Dr. Swift, Deputy Minister of Education will be the principal speaker. It is hoped to fill the new auditorium to capacity. Tea will be served and a good opportunity afforded to inspect the new building.

## Financial Report W.A. Can. League

The year's report of the efforts accomplished by the Ladies Auxiliary to the Canadian League, B.E.S., as compiled by the treasurer, Mrs. A. N. MacKay reads as follows:

Parcels to our boys in Korea and England	\$ 53.15
Flowers	26.00
Arthritis fund	5.25
Cash	5.00
Unitarian Soc. of Canada	10.00
Can. Legion, No. 13 branch	100.00
Benquet Ladies Auxiliary	54.00
Memorial wreath	12.00
Xmas. Tree for children	8.10
Veterans Xmas gifts	30.61
Xmas. gifts for children	10.00
Boy Scouts Assoc.	10.00
Gleichen library	30.00
Can. Leg. No. 15 branch	200.00
Prizes for social evenings	5.00
Hockey sweaters (Mr. Goring)	10.00
Veterans Easter gifts	11.25
Cold Maple Leaf pins for mothers	42.00

Report shows a successful year of activities also financial returns were excellent. Ladies Auxiliary sponsored a Lilies tea and a bazaar during the year. They also collected for the cancer and blind campaigns.

## British Bliven By Progressive Bug

BY MRS. N. SHERRACK  
A recent article by Colin Brogan, published in England, and entitled "The Decline And Fall of State Education," states that the most striking changes in contemporary education in England arise from the revolution in educational theory and philosophy which has created so much bewilderment and uneasiness.

It was this philosophy, known as progressive education, which revolutionized the schools of the United States and to some extent the schools of Alberta. It was this philosophy, with its theory that the child must express himself in free activities without coercive external discipline, and that he will thus learn all he needs to know through his natural curiosity, which spread through the United States some years ago, and finally caused the American people to view with alarm what was happening in their schools.

I quote from a report on American schools published in 1949 in U.S.A. entitled "The Crisis in American Education," "Some four years ago an analysis was made of the knowledge of freshmen entering one of our better universities. Remember that these young people had already had twelve years schooling. Yet, 40 percent of them were not mathematically able to do arithmetic, and many of those could not do a problem in long division. One-third had no training at all in grammar, even in English grammar. Less than half could spell many words in common English usage. Four out of ten could not read quickly or accurately to say nothing of being able to write coherently a single paragraph of coherent prose."

Compare the foregoing report with what Mr. Brogan has to say about English schools. "With in September the headmaster of a secondary modern school examined his latest batch of entrants he found that 25 percent were for practical purposes illiterate. That is a higher percentage than the Ministry of Education estimates for many recruits, and it was also the highest figure in the experience of the headmaster. In his judgement the tide of semiliteracy is still rising, and he believes that the same fate will befall the infant schools, where the

doctrine and practice of "free activity" have spread with astonishing speed in the last few years.

Much the same finding was reached on a wider scale by a recent conference of Warwickshire teachers which discussed a progressive decline in the mastery of the elementary disciplines of the "3 R's". The inescapable conclusion from this decline, which nobody could deny, was that there is something wrong with teaching methods in the early stages of school life.

You see it is the same sad story, and somewhat disturbing too. Somehow, one had not expected the English to be so easily led down this primrose path.

I can think of no philosophy of education better calculated to produce mental and moral weakness than this progressive education with its doctrine that the child should not have to attempt to learn subjects which do not interest him and for which he seems to have little ability—that is to say that the hard task, the unpleasant task should be abandoned.

In Alberta do not go completely overboard for progressive education. We have watched the years go by, and are now building more slowly and surely, trying to save the best from both the old and the new systems.

The elementary schools of Alberta have an activity program, but it is definitely a guided program with definite aims in view.

Someone writing in the Calgary Herald a few days ago was demanding the end of the spelling book on the grounds that it is back on the curriculum and has been for several years. The three "R's" are right back there, and no one these days, I hope, is foolish enough to think that Willie is going to become so interested in solving some arithmetical problem that he will sit down and learn the multiplication tables without being told or ever coerced a little.

Good old-fashioned drill is again sanctioned, though according to the "book" it is now called over-learning. A little face saving dodge no doubt.

## United Church W.A.

Gleichen United Church W. A. met Wednesday afternoon at the Manse with 22 ladies present and Mrs. Morrison acting as hostess.

The president opened the meeting in the usual manner. The devotion was given by Mrs. Pugh. Much business was accomplished and the new year started out with a clean sheet and it proved to be a good meeting although the weather was cold.

Secretary Mrs. Riddell read a complete annual report of the year's work and in the absence of the treasurer and the treasurer's report of the year. Both reports showed a successful year of activities and financial returns.

Owing to illness Mrs. E. Bollinger resigned as president and the following officers were inducted by Rev. Mr. Morrison: pres. Mrs. W. Pugh; 1st vice-pres. Mrs. R. W. Brown; 2nd vice-pres. Mrs. J. A. MacArthur; secretary, Mrs. N. A. Riddell and treasurer, Mrs. E. Hunter.

Two representatives, Mrs. Pugh and Mrs. G. Evans were appointed to meet with the Anglican ladies church to prepare a program for the World's Day of Prayer. The business session of the meeting having been completed adjournment in the usual form was in order after which a pleasant hour was enjoyed over a tasty lunch.

The local curiers are holding their annual Burns' Night banquet, program and dance tomorrow night in the Community Hall. The banquet which will be a chicken supper will start at six o'clock. The haggis will be piped in and real Scotch night will be on the program. A dance will follow the music being supplied by Mrs. Brown's Old Time Orchestra. So if you want to have an enjoyable evening be present.

Master Jimmy Froggatt celebrated his ninth birthday by inviting a number of his friends to a skating party and dinner.

## Red Cross Society

The Canadian Red Cross Society has announced that the national campaign objective for 1952 will be \$400,000.

Host Leopold Macaulay, Chairman of Central Council, in naming the objective stated that the figure represents a slight increase of less than two percent over last year's objective.

"Raising costs and the rapid expansion of the nation has brought increased responsibilities for the Society," the chairman stated. "It is likely that 1953 will be one of the most active years, not only because of our continuing commitments but because of our ever-increasing responsibilities in the Far East theatre of war."

Mr. Macaulay said that the prominent businessmen of Canada, who comprise the budget committee, have made a careful scrutiny of the budgets of the various services provided by the Canadian Red Cross. After considerable deliberation it was decided that this figure was the absolute minimum required to carry on Red Cross obligations at home and abroad in 1953.

The chairman stated that all ten provincial divisions, in spite of their increased obligations, have been determined to keep the objective at the lowest possible figure. Mr. Macaulay emphasized that unless the figure of \$400,000 is forthcoming, the vital and necessary humanitarian services will have to be omitted or curtailed by the Society.

"The thousands of volunteers who still call on the people of the nation during the campaign will be doing their best to reach this objective and with the support of Canada's citizens it will be achieved. To curtail the activities of the Red Cross work would not be in the best interests of

Canada's community life," Mr. Macaulay concluded.

## Wheat Pool Reserve Payment

Last weekend the Alberta Wheat Pool mailed 15,000 cheques to the total value of \$1,010,000 to complete the redemption of reserves contributed by Pool members in the 1925-28 period.

In that period the original Pool members contributed \$5,000,000 through deductions on wheat delivered to the Pool to provide money to build elevators and to provide working capital for their organization. The original plan was to continue to take such deductions so that the early contributors could be paid out of their contributions.

Financial difficulties over twenty years ago prevented the plan from being carried out. Since 1945 a proportion of Pool elevator earnings has been allocated to the redeeming of a percentage of the original reserves each year. With the present payment the entire \$4.4 million of reserves will be completely wiped up.

The reserves redeemed by the Wheat Pool are redistributed to members in the form of patronage dividends. Much was paid partly in cash and partly in reserves. At the present time these patronage dividend reserves are not being redeemed ex-

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## Alberta History

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the machinery and was severely hurt. One of the gang who had gathered quickly around the injured man when the separator closed down, seemed to know exactly what to do. He, to the surprise of all, opened a medical kit that no one knew existed, stopped the bleeding, disinfected the wounds and applied sterile dressings and splints. The threshers were amazed. They recognized that this man had all the skill and gentleness of a practitioner of medicine. Who was

this stranger who had recently hired on? No one knew much about him. He was new to the strenuous work of threshing and not hardened to it as were the others. His name was Bartlett. Gradually the fact that he was a medical graduate became generally known. It was also learned that he had recently been an intern in a large Boston hospital. He confirmed this himself. He still—now in 1953—has a sister living in Boston. The reason for his leaving his hospital

practice has never been discovered. The reason for his settling in Alberta has never been explained but the people of the district realize how fortunate they are to have had him. He worked as a farm laborer. He later had a small farm himself. He lived in a one-roomed dug-out but was content to help support his family or nearby in case of sickness. He was available at all hours of the day and night. He gave good advice. He would stay for days and days with a sick patient. In the horse and buggy days he attended many maternity cases. He neglected his own farm and was often close to the bread line. He read the medical journals but never tried to qualify with the College of Physicians and Surgeons. Now—in 1953—he gets the old age pension and is very happy about it.

What mystery lies behind all this? The answer may never be revealed. His eyesight is failing, he is not able to make long trips and there is not the need there was in the pioneering days as most farmers have cars. He has made a great contribution and lived up to the best traditions of a great profession. Some say the untimely death of a patient discouraged him. He does not confirm or deny any rumors. He does not give any information—even to those with the nerve to inquire. The secret of all will pass with his passing. It can be said—and is often said by the old timers in the district—that he made a great contribution during the last forty years in this lonely, sparsely settled district and, by the skill and kindness, he added greatly to the sum total of human happiness and welfare.

Mrs. Simpton was being treated for eye trouble, and one day called at the office of the optician. "Doctor," said she, "I forgot to ask you about that lotion you 'sent me'." "Well, what have you been doing about it?" "Nothing yet," she replied. "Do I drop it in my eyes before or after meals?"

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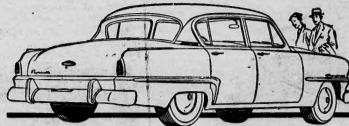
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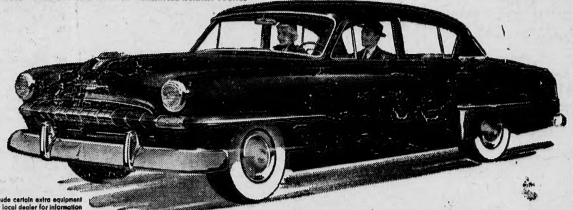


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## OBITUARY

**WALTER NUNN**  
(Communicated)

Walter Nunn, a farmer of Gleichen died while sweeping snow from his car at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Gladys Potts of Indian Prairie, Wash. He went from Gleichen to Indian Prairie before Christmas to spend about three months visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. Nunn was born in 1894 north east of Reardan, Wash., on the farm of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nunn. While a young man he farmed in the same community until 1941 when he moved to Gleichen to farm.

He is survived by another daughter, Mrs. E. Cure, Cheyenne, Wyoming; grandson, Eugene Nance, Indian

Prairie; a sister Mrs. Willard Howard of Portland, Ore.; uncle Roy Douglas, Spokane.

Funeral services were held at Hansen-Jager funeral home and burial at Reardan.

Funeral bearers from Gleichen were Mr. Laurie Little, Mr. Allen Quessell and Mr. Vern Green and from Spokane Mr. John Weyen, Mr. Leslie Paul and Mr. Garrett Duginger.

People attending the funeral from out of town included Mr. and Mrs. Laurie Little, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Quessell and Mr. Vern Green of Gleichen; Mr. and Mrs. Willard Howard of Portland, Ore.

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Saturday morning Mrs. R. Oliver received word of the death of her niece near Great Falls, Montana, and left immediately for the southern city.

Mrs. Wm. Schmidt left for Calgary last week where she joined Mr. and Mrs. R. S. McQueen for an auto trip to Arizona. After spending a short time in Arizona Mrs. Schmidt will go to Los Angeles and other nearby cities to visit relatives and friends before returning home.

Hugh James joined the Art Simpson curling rink of Basano and went to Viking to enter the bonspiel there. They hope to bring back the main prize refrigerators. They attended the bonspiel in that town last winter and although they did not win the main prize had such a swell time decided to go back this winter.

The annual Gleichen bonspiel got underway Monday morning with 86 rinks entered. There are quite a few outside rinks entered. Many close games have been played and

on several occasions the last rink carried the winners. The lady curlers are busy serving refreshments to the players and spectators.

## Hockey Games

The Calgary Mount Royal Royals hockey club played the Gleichen Juvenile Gunners one evening last week and the final score was 6-3 in favor of the visitors. There was a large crowd on hand to witness the game which was fast and rugged.

In the first period Plante for Gleichen scored twice. The first goal at the two minute mark and the second at 14:50. Penalties, Gleichen, Shepard and Haskayne. Royals, McKenzie.

Second period: goals Gunners 7-6, Shepard from PokenPaul. - and 8:30 Big Snake from Shepard. Calgary, Page from Foley at 9:23. Penalties, Haskayne.

Third period: The Royals did all the scoring 0-9 McKenzie from Van Hansen and McEllis from PokenPaul. Poken and Foley; 8:12 McEllis; 17:30 Petersen.

Penalties: Gleichen: Plante Brown Big Snake; Calgary: Rugg, Murphy and Brown.

## TENDERS INVITED

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The demand in recent years for varieties resistant to rust, wilt, and other diseases has brought about many important changes in the wheat varieties grown in the Prairie Provinces.

Variety Shifts. Surveys conducted since 1949 by the Line Elevators Farm Service show that the wheat variety picture is changing rapidly, particularly in Manitoba. In 1949, for instance, three varieties—Dakota, Royal and Redwing, occupied 80.4% of the total Manitoba wheat acreage, whereas in 1952 those three varieties were grown on only 28.7% of the area.

Flax variety changes in Saskatchewan and Alberta have also been important, but less rapid and not so striking as those occurring in Manitoba.

New Varieties. Within the past few years several new flax varieties have been licensed for sale in Canada. A brief description of 4 of these follows. (1) *Rocket*—This is a medium to late variety. It has brown, medium to large seeds. Rocket is resistant to lodging, and is resistant to rust. It is tolerant to rust, semi-resistant to wilt, and moderately susceptible to pasmus. (2) *Redwood* is a late, medium-ripening variety. It has brown seeds of average size. Redwood is resistant to rust and wilt, and tolerant to pasmus. It has yielded well in southern Manitoba. (3) *Shyenne*—This is an early variety with small, brown seeds. It is resistant to rust and wilt and moderately tolerant to pasmus. Shyenne is not a high yielder. (4) *Merino*—This is another early variety. In appearance it is similar to Shyenne, but a much better yielding variety. Merino is resistant to rust, resistant to wilt, and tolerant to pasmus. It will likely replace Shyenne.